

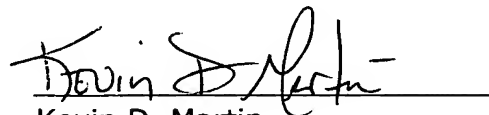
**REMARKS**

The Applicant's agent is regrettably unable to respond to the Examiner's office action mailed November 22, 2004, as the office action is incomplete. The stapled copy of the office action received by the undersigned is missing page 3, which appears to comprise the majority of the arguments for rejection. As such, the issues have not been identified and the applicant has not been given fair opportunity to reply (MPEP §706.02j).

In a telephone conversation with the undersigned, the Examiner requested this written reply to enable him to send the missing information, which was not possible with only a telephone request. Forwarding of a complete office action, paper no. 20041130 mailed November 22, 2004 is respectfully requested.

As a response by the applicants to the merits of the rejection is not possible due to a mistake on the part of the Office, this is believed to be a proper response.

Respectfully submitted,



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